

Memorandum

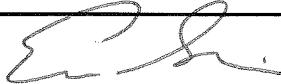
TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Angelique Gaeta

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: April 24, 2013

Approved



Date

4/25/13

SUBJECT: PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY DATA APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

Set a Council Study Session entitled *Public Safety Data Application Study Session* for Thursday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

OUTCOME

The goal of this Study Session is to seek feedback and input from the City Council on Public Safety Data Applications in San José. Feedback from the City Council will be used to determine how to prioritize resources and activities related to Public Safety Data Applications.

BACKGROUND

At the February 11, 2013 Study Session on the Prioritization of Future Study Sessions “Police Department staffing, use of data analysis, response to crime and gang activities” was combined with “Fire Department staffing for medical and fire calls, use of data analysis and response times” for one potential study session topic. The combined item, Police and Fire Staffing, use of data and response times, garnered six votes, the threshold for prioritization, during that Study Session. The Rules Committee accepted the report regarding prioritizing future study sessions during its February 27, 2013 meeting. This proposed Study Session will address that topic.

Both the San José Police Department and the San José Fire Department currently have a number of systems in place that are used to record information related to various incidents. These databases and applications serve not only as repositories of information but also to inform future decisions regarding deployment strategies and to assess problem areas that can be improved. While these systems are mostly adequate for the niches they fill there are opportunities to improve their integration.

ANALYSIS

Although there are a number of activities currently being pursued by the Police Department and the Fire Department to improve their use of analytics through the Public Safety Data Applications there are limitations to what they can accomplish in the long term. However, there are a myriad of options to more effectively leverage existing resources in order to optimize performance, ranging from encouraging expertise in the current systems to ensuring that systems are integrated as much as possible. Staff continues to research these options and plans to provide a presentation on its findings at the May 16 Study Session.

STUDY SESSION CRITERIA

- ☐ **Criteria 1:** Due to the nature of the topic area, may report to more than one Committee.
- ☐ **Criteria 2:** Topic area falls under more than one City Service Area.
- ☒ **Criteria 3:** Topic is a Citywide issue/policy that needs Council's direction and input to proceed.
- ☐ **Criteria 4:** There is a significant amount of public interest and requires a study session to accommodate public input.
- ☐ **Criteria 5:** There are outside organizations that need to participate or sit on a panel.

This document will be posted on the City's website for the May 1, Rules and Open Government Committee where the Council and the public have the opportunity to comment.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City's Police and Fire Departments.

/s/
Angelique Gaeta
Assistant to the City Manager

For questions, please contact Angelique Gaeta, Assistant to the City Manager, at 408-535-8253.

Attachment

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Outline for the Study Session Presentation on Public Safety Data Applications May 16, 2013; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. What are we already doing?
2. Value for Taxpayers with Available Resources
3. Where are we going?
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment